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**News Brief**

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has said, about 99 lakh new workforce would be added to the country's manpower sector by 2020. Out of them, about 20 lakh workers would go abroad with job while others to find job in local markets as planned in the 7th Five Year Plan, she said. The Prime Minister said this in her question-answer session in the parliament yesterday. She said, the government has already completed a plan to establish 30 Special Economic Zones as part of a long-term plan to build 100 SPZs across the country. These SEZs would create about 10 million jobs, she said.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina hoped that the women cricketers of Bangladesh would continue their success in future as they showed excellence in the Asia Cup T-20 tournament. The Premier expressed the hope as she was talking to the cricketers in a reception accorded to them at Ganabhaban yesterday.

Finance Minister Abul Mal Abdul Muhith has said, the World Bank has provided 50 million US dollars to help develop standard housing facilities for the lower income people. The Minister said this while replying to a question at the Jatiya Sangsad yesterday.

Industries Minister Amir Hossain Amu has asked officials concerned to speed up the implementation of priority projects of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for taking the country's industrialisation and social development ahead. The Minister gave the directive while speaking at Annual Performance Agreement Signing Ceremony at his ministry yesterday.

Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader has said, the poll-time government for the upcoming parliament election may be formed in October. The size of the government will be small, he told a press conference held at his ministry yesterday.

Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Anisul Huq has urged the trainee judges to take technology based initiatives in providing services to the justice seekers. The Minister made the urge while inaugurating a training course in Dhaka yesterday.

State Minister for Women and Children Affairs Meher Afroze Chumki has said, her ministry is giving training to around two crore women on different trades including fashion design, mobile servicing and beatification to develop their entrepreneurship. The government has a plan to construct 'Joyeeta Bhaban' at every district for the women entrepreneurs, she said while speaking at a function in Kushtia yesterday.

State Minister for Foreign Affairs Md Shahriar Alam has urged Czech Republic to invest more in Bangladesh. The State Minister made the urge when the Czech Envoy Milan Hovorka called on him at Foreign Affairs Ministry yesterday.

Japan will give Bangladesh about US\$4.10 million in grant-in-aid for human resource development. Bangladesh and Japan signed an Exchange of Notes and Grant Agreement at the National Economic Council in Dhaka yesterday.

Bangladesh Air Force at a ceremony in Dhaka yesterday signed a contract with China for the procurement of K-8W Jet Trainer aircraft.

Information Secretary Abdul Malek yesterday attended a function at PID in which Principal Information Officer Kamrun Nahar signed APA with its regional offices.

DSEX, the prime index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange, settled at 5,384 points.

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